

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 9-333h of the general statutes, as amended by
- 2 section 1 of public act 03-223, is repealed and the following is
- 3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):
- 4 (a) The campaign treasurer of each committee shall be responsible
 - for (1) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other
- 6 funds in the manner specified in section 9-333j, as amended, (2)
- 7 making and reporting expenditures, (3) reporting expenses incurred
- 8 but not yet paid, (4) filing the statements required under section 9-333j,
- 9 as amended, and (5) keeping internal records of each entry made on
- 10 such statements. The campaign treasurer of each committee shall
- deposit contributions in the committee's designated depository within
- 12 [seven] <u>fourteen</u> days after receiving them, <u>provided</u>, in the case of a
- 13 contribution received by a solicitor, the campaign treasurer shall so
- 14 deposit the contribution within fourteen days after the solicitor
- 15 <u>receives the contribution</u>. The campaign treasurer of each political

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committee or party committee which makes a contribution of goods to another committee shall send written notice to the campaign treasurer of the recipient committee before the close of the reporting period during which the contribution was made. The notice shall be signed by the campaign treasurer of the committee making the contribution and shall include the full name of such committee, the date on which the contribution was made, a complete description of the contribution and the value of the contribution. Any dispute concerning the information contained in such notice shall be resolved by the campaign treasurer of the recipient committee. Such resolution shall not impair in any way the authority of the State Elections Enforcement Commission under section 9-7b, as amended. The campaign treasurer of the recipient committee shall preserve each such notice received for the period prescribed by subsection (f) of section 9-333i, as amended.

- (b) A contribution in the form of a check drawn on a joint bank account shall, for the purpose of allocation, be deemed to be a contribution made by the individual who signed the check. If a check is signed by more than one individual, the total amount of the check shall be divided equally among the cosigners for the purpose of allocation. If a committee receives an anonymous contribution of more than fifteen dollars the campaign treasurer shall immediately remit the contribution to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit the contribution in the General Fund.
- (c) The campaign treasurer of each committee, other than a political committee established by an organization which receives its funds from the organization's treasury, may appoint solicitors. If solicitors are appointed, the campaign treasurer shall receive and report all contributions made or promised to each solicitor. Each solicitor shall submit to the campaign treasurer a list of all contributions made or promised to him. The list shall be complete as of seventy-two hours immediately preceding midnight of the day preceding the dates on which the campaign treasurer is required to file a sworn statement as provided in section 9-333j, as amended. Lists shall be received by the

campaign treasurer not later than twenty-four hours immediately preceding each required filing date. Each solicitor shall deposit all contributions with the campaign treasurer, within seven days after receipt. No solicitor shall expend any contributions received by him or disburse such contributions to any person other than the campaign treasurer.

(d) No person shall act as a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer unless the person is an elector of this state, and a statement, signed by the chairman in the case of a party committee or political committee or by the candidate in the case of a candidate committee, designating the person as campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, has been filed in accordance with section 9-333e, as amended. In the case of a political committee, the filing of a statement of organization by the chairman of the committee, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-333g, shall constitute compliance with the filing requirements of this section. No provision of this subsection shall prevent the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor of any committee from being the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor of any other committee or prevent any committee from having more than one solicitor, but no candidate shall have more than one campaign treasurer. A candidate shall not serve as the candidate's own campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, except that a candidate who is exempt from forming a candidate committee under subsection (b) of section 9-333f, as amended, and has filed a certification that the candidate is financing the candidate's campaign from the candidate's own personal funds or is not receiving or expending in excess of one thousand dollars may perform the duties of a campaign treasurer for the candidate's own campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2004

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